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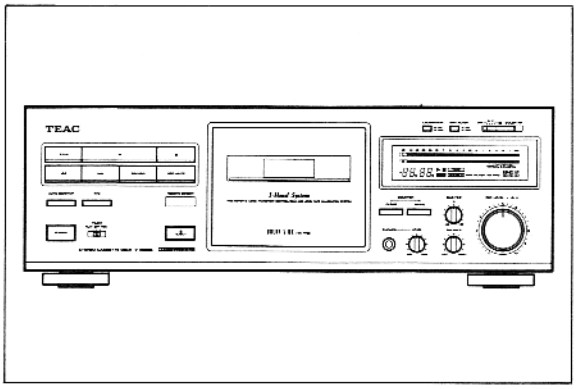
V-2030S

Stereo Cassette Deck



OWNER'S MANUAL

Thanks for buying a TEAC. Read this manual carefully to get the best performance from this unit.

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

This appliance has a serial number located on the rear panel. Please record the model number and serial number and retain them for your records.
Model number _____
Serial number _____

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPLIANCE TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

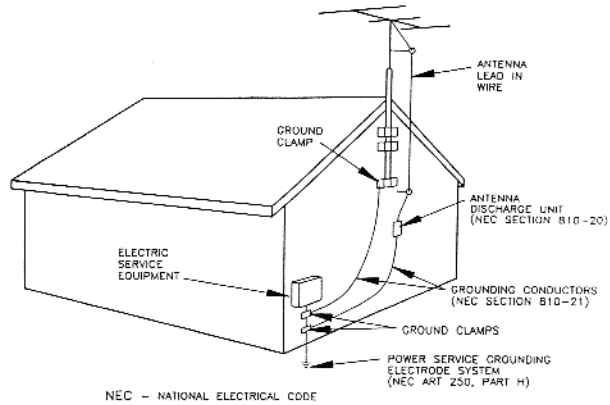
CAUTION:

- **Read all of these instructions.**
- **Save these instructions for later use.**
- **Follow all warnings and instructions marked on the audio equipment.**

1) Read instructions – All the safety and operating instructions should be read before the product is operated.
2) Retain instructions – The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
3) Heed Warnings – All warnings on the product and in the operating instructions should be adhered to.
4)Follow instructions – All operating and use instructions should be followed.
5) Cleaning – Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
6) Attachments – Do not use attachments not recommended by the product manufacturer as they may cause hazards.
7) Water and Moisture – Do not use this product near water – for example, near a bath tub, wash bowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub; in a wet basement; or near a swimming pool; and the like.
8) Accessories – Do not place this product on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The product may fall, causing serious injury to a child or adult, and serious damage to the product. Use only with a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by the manufacturer, or sold with the product. Any mounting of the product should follow the manufacturer's instructions, and should use a mounting accessory recommended by the manufacturer.
9) A product and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the product and cart combination to overturn.

10) Ventilation – Slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for ventilation and to ensure reliable operation of the product and to protect it from overheating, and these openings must not be blocked or covered. The openings should never be blocked by placing the product on a bed, sofa, rug, or other similar surface. This product should not be placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or rack unless proper ventilation is provided or the manufacturer's instructions have been adhered to.
11) Power Sources – This product should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of power supply to your home, consult your product dealer or local power company. For products intended to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.
12) Grounding or Polarization – This product may be equipped with a polarized alternating-current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to replace your obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.
13) Power-Cord Protection – Power-supply cords should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to cords at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the product.
14) Outdoor Antenna Grounding – If an outside antenna or cable system is connected to the product, be sure the antenna or cable system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Article 810 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70, provides information with regard to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.
"Note to CATV system installer:
This reminder is provided to call the CATV system installer's attention to Section 820-40 of the NEC which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as practical."

Example of antenna grounding as per National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70

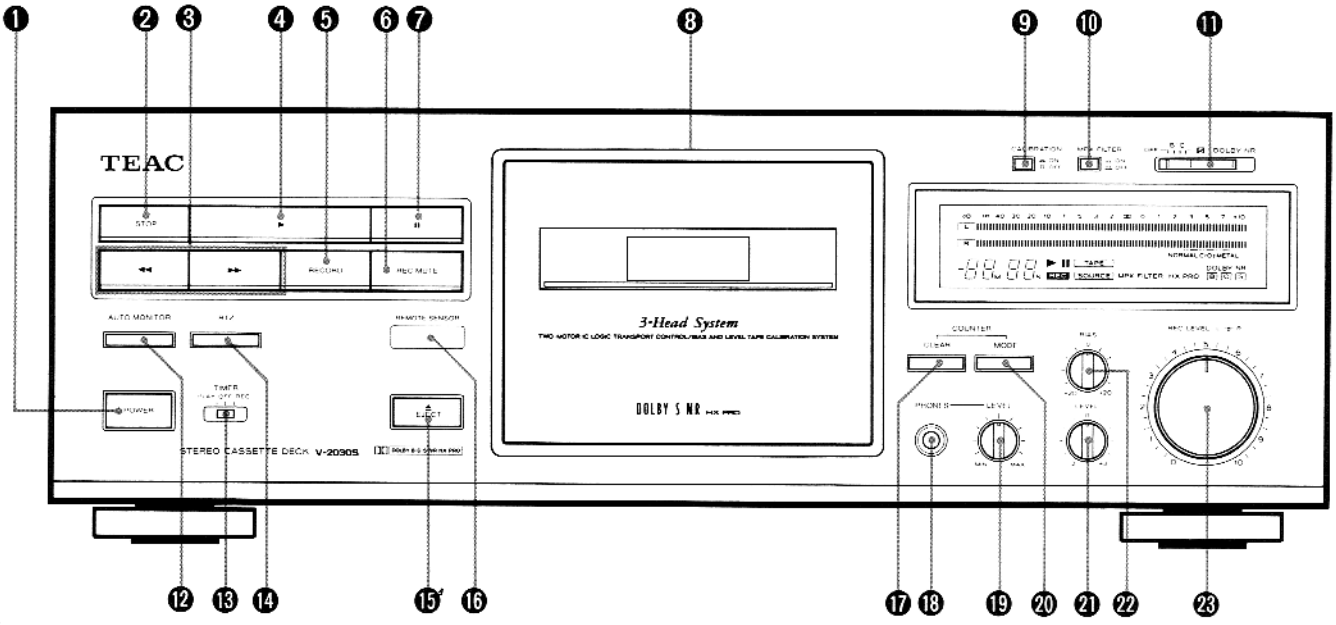

ANTENNA LEAD IN WIRE
GROUND CLAMP
ANTENNA DISCHARGE UNIT (NEC SECTION 810-20)
ELECTRIC SERVICE EQUIPMENT
GROUNDING CONDUCTORS (NEC SECTION 810-21)
GROUND CLAMPS
POWER SERVICE GROUNDING ELECTRODE SYSTEM (NEC ART 250, PART H)
NEC – NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

15) Lightning – For added protection for this product during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.
16) Power Lines – An outside antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can fall into such power lines or circuits. When installing an outside antenna system, extreme care should be taken to keep from touching such power lines or circuits as contact with them might be fatal.
17) Overloading – Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
18) Object and Liquid Entry – Never push objects of any kind into this product through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short-out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product.
19) Servicing – Do not attempt to service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
20) Damage Requiring Service – Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
a) When the power-supply cord or plug is damaged.
b) If liquid has been spilled, or objects have fallen into the product.
c) If the product has been exposed to rain or water.
d) If the product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions as an improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the product to its normal operation.
e) If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way.
f) when the product exhibits a distinct change in performance – this indicates a need for service.
21) Replacement Parts – When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by the manufacturer or have the same characteristics as the original part. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.
22) Safety Check – Upon completion of any service or repairs to this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.
23) Wall or Ceiling Mounting – The product should be mounted to a wall or ceiling only as recommended by the manufacturer.
24) Heat – The product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.

Reference Illustrations

Fig. 1

Front Panel



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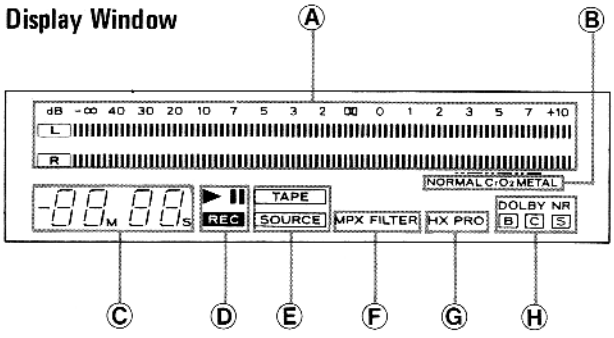
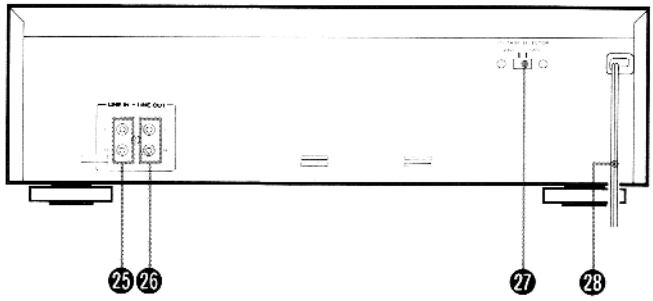


Rear Panel



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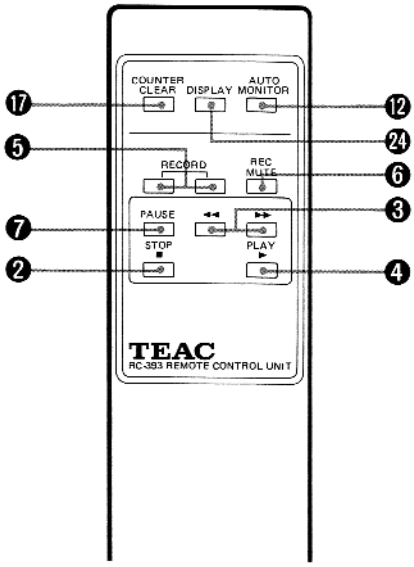

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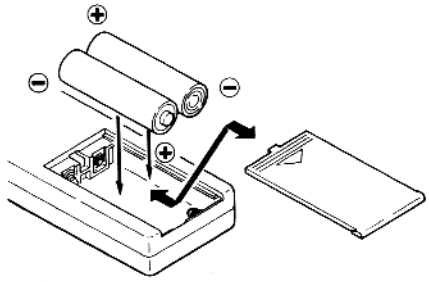
Battery Placement



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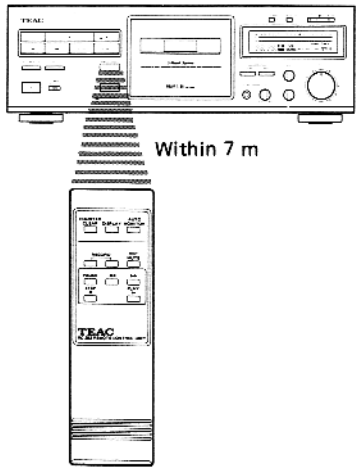

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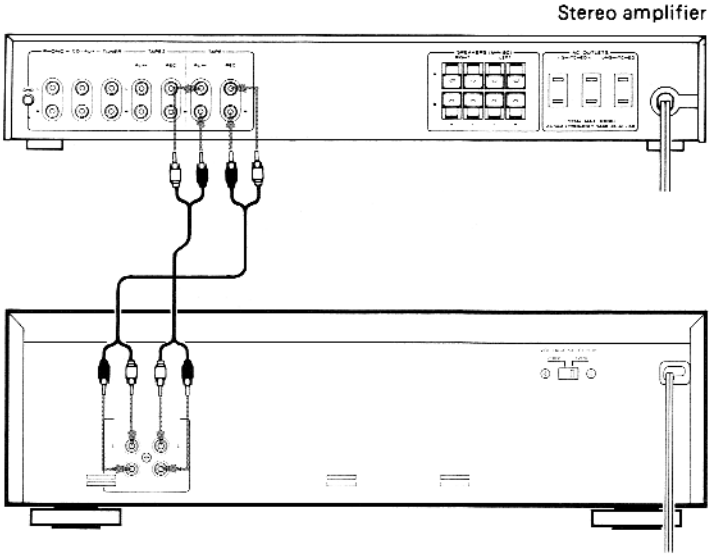

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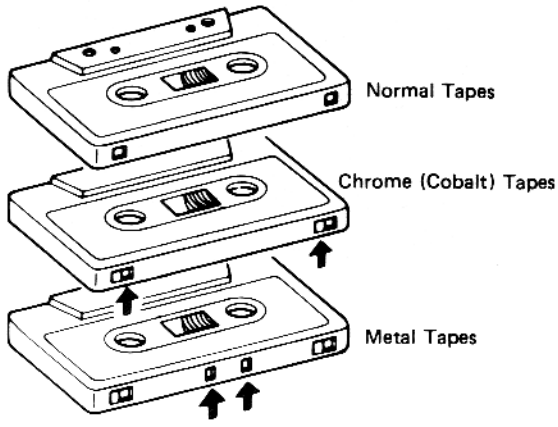

● Tape position identification holes.

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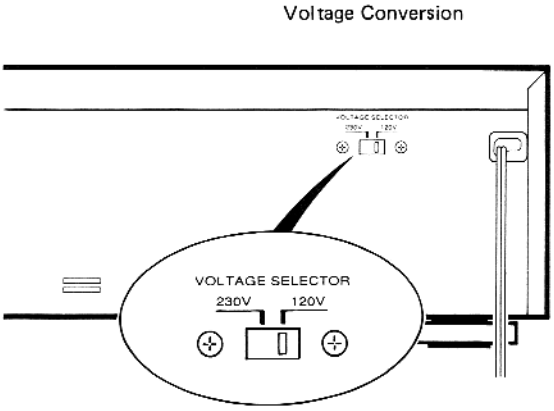

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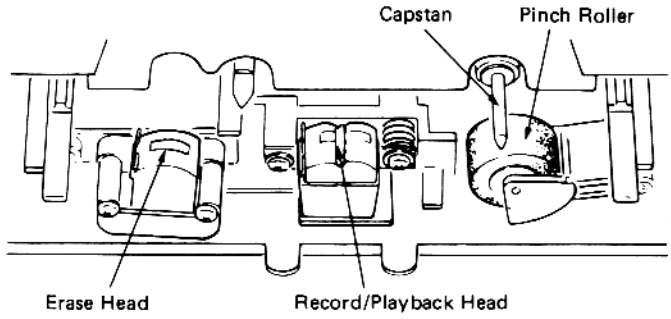

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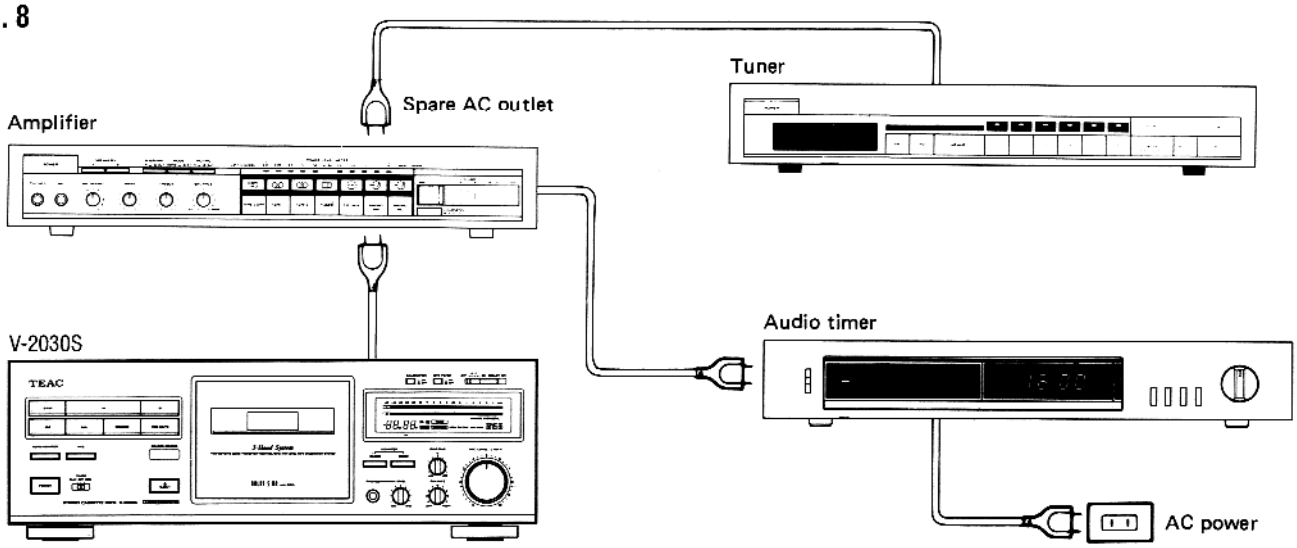

Precautions

Environment
Avoid using the deck in the following circumstances:
- High temperatures (such as heater, direct sunlight).
- Extremely low temperatures.
- Excessive humidity.
- Dusty atmospheres.
- Where power line voltage fluctuation is severe (the use of a voltage regulator may be advisable).
- Be aware also that placing other units or any objects on the deck can leave marks depending on their weight.

Cassette Tapes (Fig. 5)
Tape Selection:
For the automatic tape select function to work properly, metal and chrome (cobalt) formula tapes must have tape identification holes.

C-120 cassette tapes:
120-minute tapes are very thin, they tend to stretch and their magnetic layer is thin; they also tend to introduce wow & flutter. For these reasons, special attention is required when using them. If the pinch roller or capstan is dirty, tape might become wrapped around it and this could cause serious trouble. For this reason, it is recommended that you do not use C-120 tapes.

Tape Handling:
Do not store tapes in the following places:
- On top of heaters, in direct sunlight or in any other high-temperature areas.
- Near speakers, on TV sets or amplifiers, or near any strong magnetic fields.
- High-humidity areas or dirty, dusty areas.

Avoid dropping or subjecting the cassettes to excessive shock.

Voltage Conversion (Fig. 6)
Be sure to remove the power cord from the AC outlet before repositioning the voltage converter switch.
1. Locate the voltage selector on the rear panel.
2. Using a flat-bladed screwdriver, set to the appropriate 230 V or 120 V position according to your area.

Connections (Fig. 4)

- Turn off the power of all equipment before making connections.
- Read the instructions of each component you intend to use with the deck.

IMPORTANT
(for U.K. customers)

DO NOT cut off the mains plug from this equipment. If the plug fitted is not suitable for the power points in your home or the cable is too short to reach a power point, then obtain an appropriate safety approved extension lead or consult your dealer.
If nonetheless, the mains plug is cut off, remove the fuse and dispose of the plug immediately, to avoid a possible shock hazard by inadvertent connection to the mains supply.
If this product is not provided with a mains plug, or one has to be fitted, then follow the instructions given below:
IMPORTANT. DO NOT make any connection to the larger terminal which is marked with the letter E or by the safety earth symbol ⏚ or coloured GREEN or GREEN-and-YELLOW.
The wires in the mains lead on this product are coloured in accordance with the following code:

BLUE : NEUTRAL
BROWN : LIVE

As these colours may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug proceed as follows:
The wire which is coloured BLUE must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured BLACK.
The wire which is coloured BROWN must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured RED.
When replacing the fuse, only a correctly rated approved type should be used and be sure to re-fit the fuse cover.
IF IN DOUBT — CONSULT A COMPETENT ELECTRICIAN.

THE APPLIANCE CONFORMS WITH EEC DIRECTIVE 87/308/EEC REGARDING INTERFERENCE SUPPRESSION

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Features and Controls (Fig. 1)

Front Panel/Remote Control Unit

❶ POWER Switch
Press to switch the deck on. The display window will be illuminated. Press again to turn the deck off.
Note: Be sure to wait more than 2 seconds after the power has been switched off before switching the power on again.

❷ STOP Button
Press to stop the tape travel and release any other mode.

❸ ◄◄ (Rewind) Button/ ►► (Fast-Forward) Button
When these buttons are pressed, the tape is rewound or fast-forwarded.

❹ ► (Play) Button
Pressing this button starts normal-speed playback.

❺ RECORD Button
Press the RECORD button to set the deck to the record-pause mode. The REC and PAUSE indicators will light. To start recording, press the ► or ❚❚ button.
To enter the record mode using the remote control, press the two RECORD buttons simultaneously.

❻ REC MUTE Button
Press this button during recording to leave a blank section between tunes (approx. 4 seconds). The deck will enter the record-pause mode. Press the ► or ❚❚ button to start recording again. (See page 7.)

❼ ❚❚ (Pause) Button
Press to temporarily stop tape travel during recording or playback. In the pause mode, the PAUSE indicator in the display lights. Press the ► or ❚❚ button again to restart the tape (the indicator goes out).

❽ Cassette Holder
Load the cassette here.

❾ CALIBRATION Switch
Press this switch to start the calibration operation. For details, refer to "Calibration Procedure" on page 7.
Note: Be sure to set the CALIBRATION switch to OFF after level/bias settings are over.

❿ MPX FILTER Switch
Press this switch when making a Dolby NR recording of an FM broadcast; the indicator lights. It eliminates the pilot tone (19 kHz) and subcarrier tone (38 kHz) of the FM broadcast which could affect operation of the Dolby noise reduction system. To release this function, press the MPX FILTER switch again.

⓫ DOLBY NR Switch
Select the required NR system.

⓬ AUTO MONITOR Button
(See page 7.)

⓭ TIMER Switch
(See page 8.)

⓮ RTZ (Return to Zero) Button
If this button is pressed, the tape is fast-forwarded or rewound until a tape counter reading of "0000" is reached, then the deck stops. (See page 8.)

⓯ EJECT Button
When in the stop mode, press to open the cassette holder. Do not press this button when the deck is in the recording or playback mode.

⓰ REMOTE SENSOR (Remote Control Infrared Signal Receptor)
(See page 8.)

⓱ CLEAR Button
Pressing the CLEAR button resets the multi-counter to "0000".

⓲ PHONES Jack
Connect 8-ohm stereo headphones to this jack for private listening or monitoring.

⓳ PHONES LEVEL Control
Adjust the level of the signals output from the PHONES jack. This knob does not affect the level of the line OUTPUT signals or the peak level meter.

⓴ MODE Button
When this button is pressed, the display alternates between the conventional tape counter and the TRT (Tape-Run-Time) counter.

㉑ LEVEL (sensitivity) Control (Calibration)
Used to adjust the tape's recording (sensitivity) level. Keep this control in the center detent position when the function is not being used.

㉒ BIAS Tuning Control (Calibration)
Used to adjust the bias current to obtain the optimum recording characteristics for the tape used.
Turning the control toward "+" increases the amount of bias and thus decreases high frequency response.
Turning the control toward "-" decreases the amount of bias and thus increases high frequency response.
Keep this control in the center detent position when the function is not being used.

㉓ REC LEVEL Control
When recording, turn the REC LEVEL control clockwise to fade the input sound in or turn it counterclockwise to fade the sound out, for smooth tune-to-tune transitions.

㉔ DISPLAY Button
Press this button to switch off the multi-display indication (illumination).

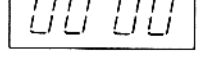
Display Window

Ⓐ Peak Level Meter
This meter shows the peak level of the input or playback signal. In the record mode, the meter indicates the level of the source signals which have been adjusted with the REC LEVEL control.
During playback, the meter indicates the level of signals recorded on the tape.

When the CALIBRATION switch is pressed, the display alternates between the conventional peak level meter and the calibration meter.

Ⓑ Tape Type Indicator
The deck automatically detects the type of tape (NORMAL, CrO_2 or METAL) which has been loaded.

Ⓒ Multi-Counter
Tape Counter Mode
In this mode, the counter functions as a conventional tape counter, counting up when the tape is moving forward and down when the tape is being rewound. The display can be cleared by pressing the CLEAR button, which resets the counter index to "0000".



TRT (Tape-Run-Time) Counter Mode
In this mode, tape travel is measured in minutes and seconds up to a maximum of 99M59S (99 minutes 59 seconds). Since this counter only functions in the play and record modes, it will be interrupted when the tape is fast-forwarded or rewound (and, of course, in the stop mode); counting up will be resumed when playback or recording restarts. The display can be cleared by pressing the CLEAR button which resets the counter index to "00M00S".

Ⓓ Transport Mode Indicators
REC: Lights when the deck is in the record and record-standby modes, and flashes during record-muting.
► (PLAY): Lights when the deck is in the playback and record modes.
❚❚ (PAUSE): Lights when the deck is standing by for playback or recording.

Ⓔ Auto Monitor Indicators
TAPE: Lights when the tape signal is selected either in playback or record.
SOURCE: Lights when the source signal is selected.
The Auto Monitor indicators change automatically to the monitor mode so that the SOURCE indicator lights when the deck enters the record-pause mode. When recording starts, the SOURCE indicator automatically goes out and the TAPE indicator lights.

Ⓕ MPX FILTER Indicator
Lights when the MPX FILTER switch is pressed in (⏢).

Ⓖ HX PRO Indicator
Lights when the deck enters the record mode, showing that the built-in Dolby HX Pro circuit has been activated. For details, refer to page 9.

Ⓗ DOLBY NR [B][C][S] Indicator
Lights when the DOLBY NR switch is set to the corresponding position.

Rear Panel

㉕ LINE IN Terminals
Connect the amplifier's REC OUT jacks to these jacks.

㉖ LINE OUT Terminals
Connect the amplifier's TAPE PLAY or LINE IN jacks to these jacks.

㉗ Voltage Selector
See "Voltage Conversion" on page 5.

㉘ Power Supply Cord
Insert into an AC wall outlet. The voltage requried by this unit is shown on the rear panel.

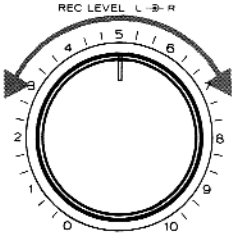
Playback and Recording

Stereo Playback

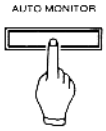
1. Set the TIMER switch to OFF.
2. Press the POWER switch to ON.
3. Load a pre-recorded cassette.
4. Select the NR system with the DOLBY NR switch.
5. Press the ► button to start playback.
6. Adjust the volume with the amplifier's control.

Stereo Recording

1. Set the TIMER switch to OFF.
2. Press the POWER switch to ON.
3. Load a recordable cassette.
4. Select the NR system to be used in recording.
5. Press the MPX FILTER button as required.
6. Set the BIAS/LEVEL controls to their center detent positions.
7. Play the source to be recorded.
8. Press the RECORD button. The REC and PAUSE indicators light.
9. Adjust the recording level of each channel using the REC LEVEL control.



10. Presss the ► or ▮▮ button to start recording. The REC and PLAY indicators light.
    The Auto Monitor indicator is automatically changed to TAPE and the signal can be directly monitored immediately after it is recorded. To compare the recorded sound with the original source, press the AUTO MONITOR button to switch the signal being monitored between TAPE and SOURCE.



Notes:

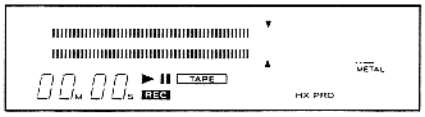
- To stop recording, press the STOP button.
- To momentarily stop recording, press the ▮▮ button. To resume recording, press the ► or ▮▮ button.

Note:
Recording prerecorded tapes, records, or other published or broadcast material may infringe copyright laws. Check these laws before recording.

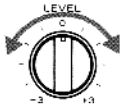
Calibration Procedure

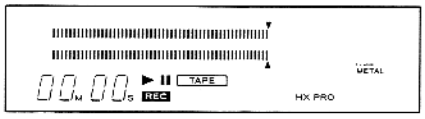
Each cassette tape has different characteristics depending on the manufacturer and type. By properly adjusting bias and level (sensitivity) according to the tape, it is possible to record making the most of, the tape's characteristics.

1. Load the cassette to be recorded
2. Press the CALIBRATION switch.
3. Press the RECORD and ► buttons to start recording. The built-in test tone will be recorded.
4. Adjust the BIAS control so that the meter deflections come to the same level.



5. Adjust the LEVEL control so that the meter deflections come to the ▼ mark.



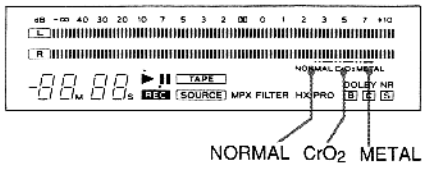


Now, the optimum bias and level (sensitivity) have been set.
Press the STOP button and set the CALIBRATION switch to OFF. Erase the recorded test tone or rewind the tape and record over it.

Adjusting Recording Level

By setting the recording level appropriately, it is possible to make best use of any tape's characteristics.
If the recording level is too low, hiss noise will be conspicuous in recording. Conversely, if it is too high, the recording will contain distorted sound.

1. Set the AUTO MONITOR button to SOURCE. In the recording or rec/pause mode, it is automatically set to SOURCE.
2. So that the peak in the source to be recorded indicates the specified level on the PEAK LEVEL METER, adjust using the REC LEVEL control.



Record Muting Operation

The ability to leave blank unrecorded (erased) portions on a tape during recording is a real advantage in many recording situations. For instance, you may want to eliminate undesired portions of an FM broadcast that you are recording, such as commercials, station breaks or announcements. You may want to record a complete program with controlled spacing between each song. Such blank portions on a tape can be easily left using the REC MUTE function.

- **Automatic Spacing Operation - for a 4-second blank (during recording)**
  Press the REC MUTE button during recording. The tape continues to run, and a blank of about 4 seconds is left (the REC indicator flashes).
  After 4 seconds, the deck automatically switches to the record-pause mode (both the REC and PAUSE indicators light). To start recording the next tune, press the ► or ▮▮ button (the PAUSE indicator goes off).
- **For a Blank of More Than 4 Seconds**
  During recording, keep the REC MUTE button pressed for a longer blank section. Release the button to enter the record-pause mode.
- **For a Blank of Less Than 4 Seconds**
  After pressing the REC MUTE button during recording, press the REC MUTE or PAUSE button before the 4-second interval has expired, to cancel the muting mode and engage the record-pause mode. To start recording press the ▮▮ or ► button.

Multi-Counter Function

With the multi-counter facilities incorporated in the unit, there are two different display modes available, depending on the setting of the MODE button.
Tape Counter Mode: The counter functions as a conventional tape counter.
TRT Counter mode: The counter functions as a tape-run-time counter, measuring tape travel in minutes and seconds.

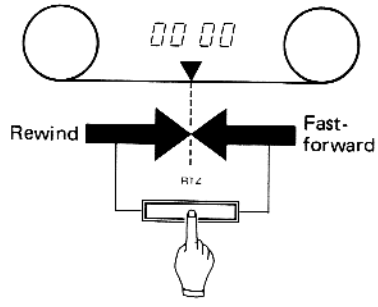
Using as a Tape Counter
Using the MODE button, call up the tape counter mode; a 4-digit display will appear. Its function is identical to that of a conventional tape indexing counter. During recording (including record muting), playback and fast-forward, the counter counts up as the tape moves from left to right, and down during rewind as the tape moves from right to left. The indicated numerals are not related to elapsed time and are not compatible with the counter readings of other cassette decks. One typical example of using this display in the conventional tape counter mode is: First load a cassette and before recording, press the CLEAR button to reset the counter to "0000". Then note the counter reading at the beginning of each piece of music to facilitate locating that particular selection when you wish to play it back.

Using as a TRT Counter
Using the MODE button, call up the tape-run-time mode; "M" appears between the 2nd and 3rd digits and "S" at the end of the 4th digit. In this mode, tape travel is measured in minutes and seconds while the tape is running at normal speed during recording (including record muting) and playback. Counting stops during rewind and fast-forward. This function can be used to measure the approximate length of a recorded song or to make an estimate of how much tape is left.

"Visible" and "Invisible" Counters
Both counter modes are switchable at any time, with the one selected appearing on the display and the other functioning in memory. For example, when the conventional tape counter is selected with the MODE button, counting of the tape-run-time also takes place and its reading can be called up at any time by pressing the MODE button. Pressing the CLEAR button resets only the counter which is currently displayed. Both counters, "visible" and "invisible" are reset when the power is switched off.

RTZ (Return To Zero) Function

To locate the position on the tape corresponding to a tape counter reading of "0000", press the RTZ button.
The fast-forward or rewind of the tape starts. When a counter reading of "0000" is detected, the deck stops.
This function is handy to locate the beginning of tune to be played back.



To start playback from "0000":
While the tape is running after the RTZ button is pressed, press the ► button. The deck temporarily stops at the "0000" counter reading, then playback starts.

To release the RTZ function:
Press the STOP button. If the ◄◄ (rewind) or ►► (fast-forward) button is pressed while the tape is running after the RTZ button is pressed, the RTZ function is released, and the deck enters the normal rewind or fast-forward mode.
* The RTZ button cannot be used when the deck is in the recording mode or near the "0000" counter reading.

Timer-Controlled Operations (Fig. 8)

Timer-Controlled Recording
1. Connect your deck and stereo system to a commercially available audio timer as shown in the diagram.
2. Make all the preparations as for normal recording, but leave the deck in the stop mode.
3. Set the audio timer to the required start (power on) and stop (power off) times.
4. Set the TIMER switch on the deck to REC.
   When the preset start time is reached, power will be supplied and recording will start.

Timer-Controlled Playback
1. Check that the deck is correctly connected to the amplifier for normal playback operation.
2. Connect the deck and amplifier to an audio timer (see Timer-Controlled Recording above).
3. Make all preparations as for normal playback, but leave the deck in the stop mode.
4. Set the audio timer to the required start (power on) and stop (power off) times.
5. Set the TIMER switch on the deck to PLAY.
   When the preset start time is reached, power will be switched on and playback will start.

Note: Be sure to set the TIMER switch to OFF after timer-controlled recording or playback is over.

Remote Controlled Operation

The provided RC-393 remote control unit allows the V-2030S to be operated from a distance. The control buttons on the remote control unit function in almost the same way as those on the front panel of the V-2030S.

Precautions on Remote Control Operation
1. Battery Replacement (Fig. 2)
1. Remove the lid.
2. Insert two "AA" type dry batteries. Be sure that the batteries are inserted with their negative and positive terminals positioned correctly.
3. Close the lid, making sure it clicks.

How often should the batteries be changed?
The batteries will normally last about six months. However if you notice that the distance between the remote control unit and the V-2030S required for operation becomes shorter, the batteries should be changed. Replace the batteries with two new ones.

Precautions Regarding Batteries
- Be sure to insert the batteries with the positive (+) and negative (–) terminals positioned correctly.
- Never use old and new batteries together.
- Replacement batteries should be of the same type. Never use batteries of different types together.
- Rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries can be used. Refer to their precaution labels.
- When the batteries are weak, replace them as soon as possible.
- Do not heat or disassemble batteries and do not dispose of them by throwing them into a fire.

2. Remote Control Unit RC-393
When operating using the remote control, point the front of the unit at the remote sensor of the V-2030S. The remote control unit can be used within the range shown in Fig. 3.

Maintenance (Fig. 7)

The heads and tape path should be cleaned and demagnetized periodically.

Cleaning Tape Path

- Apply head cleaning fluid* to special cotton swabs or a soft cloth, and lightly rub the heads, capstans and all metal parts in the tape path.
- Also clean the pinch rollers using rubber cleaning fluid*.

* Both are available in TEAC HC-2 and RC-2 in the U.S.A. or TEAC TZ-261 Tape Recorder Cleaning Kit in other areas.

Demagnetizing Heads

Be sure that the power is off, then demagnetize the heads using a TEAC E-3 demagnetizer or equivalent. For details of its use, read the instructions.

Troubleshooting

Basic troubleshooting of a cassette tape deck is similar to troubleshooting any other electrical or electronic equipment. Always check the most obvious possible causes first. To give you a few ideas of what to look for, check the following:

- No power: Is the power cord connected?
- Tape begins running when power is turned on: Is the TIMER function on?
- No audio output: Are all connections properly made?
- Degraded sound quality: Are the heads dirty or magnetized? Are you using a good quality tape? Is the proper NR System select switch on?
- Unable to select record mode: Are the record protection tabs on the tape in place?

DOLBY HX PRO

Dolby HX Pro is an "active bias" technique that can improve the quality of audio tape recordings. High-level high frequencies can be recorded more accurately, without sacrificing signal-to-noise ratio, while such side effects of tape saturation as distortion are reduced.

What Is Bias?

Bias is a very high-frequency signal generated within a tape deck and recorded on the tape simultaneously with the program material. This inaudible signal allows a low noise, low distortion recording and flat frequency response. Different magnetic tape formulations require different amounts of bias for optimum performance. If the bias level is too high, high-frequency Maximum Output Level (MOL) decreases.

The Problem of Self-Bias

Unfortunately, bias level is often influenced by the signal being recorded. The high frequencies contained in some music act as bias. This unpredictable source of bias is added to the existing bias, resulting in a loss of high-frequency response. As the high-frequency content of the signal increases, the ability of the recorder to record high frequencies (MOL) decreases. This phenomenon is called self-biasing.

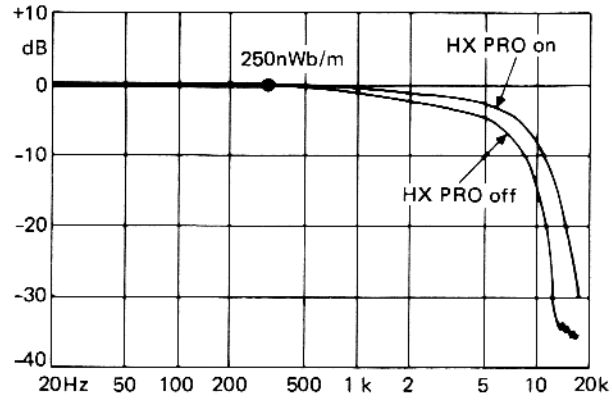
The Dolby HX Pro Solution

The Dolby HX Pro monitors the high-frequency content of the program material and adjusts the recorder bias oscillator to maintain a constant total bias level. The result is improved high-frequency response and lower distortion. Depending on the type of tape, the improvement in headroom can be 6 dB or more.

The Benefits

With Dolby HX Pro, it is easier to make more accurate recordings of the kind of music which contains high-level high frequencies. The improvement is similar to that of high-performance tape over conventional tape, so regardless of the type of tape used, the results will sound better.

Most important of all, Dolby HX Pro requires no decoding process. Once the tape is recorded with it, the improvements will be realized when playing the tape back on any machine.



Example of improved frequency response using Dolby HX Pro function

Specifications

Track System 4-Track, 2-Channel Stereo
Heads 3: 1 Erase, 1 Record and 1 Playback (Combination)
Type of Tape Cassette tape C-60 and C-90 (Philips type)
Tape Speed 4.8 cm/sec. (1-7/8 ips)
Motors 2: 1 DC Servo motor (for capstan drive)
1 DC motor (for reel drive)
Wow and Flutter
0.045 % (W. RMS)
Frequency Response (Overall) –20 dB
15 – 21,000 Hz ±3 dB Metal Tape
15 – 20,000 Hz ±3 dB CrO_2 Tape
15 – 18,000 Hz ±3 dB Normal Tape
Signal-to-Noise Ratio (Overall)
60 dB (NR OFF, 3% THD Level, Weighted)
70 dB (Dolby B In, over 5 kHz)
80 dB (Dolby C In, over 1 kHz)
84 dB (Dolby S In, over 1 kHz)

Fast Winding Time Approximately 90 seconds for C-60
Inputs Line: 97 mV, 50k ohms
Outputs Line: 0.41 V for load impedance of 50k ohms or more
Headphones: 0.6 mW/8-ohm load
Power Requirements 120/230 V AC, 50 – 60 Hz (General export models)
120 V AC, 60 Hz (U.S.A./Canada)
230 V AC, 50 Hz (Europe)
240 V AC, 50 Hz (Australia)
Power Consumption 19 W
Dimensions (W x H x D)
435 X 147 X 290 mm (17-1/8" X 5-13/16" X 11-7/16")
Weight 5.0 kg (11.02 lbs.)
Standard Accessories
Wireless Remote Control Unit RC-393, Batteries (SUM-3, "AA", "R6" type) x 2, Input-Output connection cords x 2

- Specifications were determined using metal tape except as noted.
- Improvements may result in specifications or features changing without notice.
- Photos and illustrations may differ slightly from production models.

Since this unit incorporates microcomputers, it may not operate correctly because of external noise, etc. In such a case, switch off the power once for approx. one minute before restarting operation from the beginning.